# Work & Travel USA Employment Offer Agreement Form Spring/Summer 2007 (Belarus) Name of CIEE Partner:

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Employer Section
Company Name Website
Street
City
Phone               Fax             TaxID
Off season contact phone number (Nov-May)  How many international students do you intend to hire?
Offer made to Please fill out one application per student.
First name Middle initilal
Last name
Job Information
Worksite address (if different from above) Street
City State Zip Telephone
Dates of employment: from L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L
Manager's name Manager's phone
Manager's e-mail
Job title Job desciption
Wage per hour Average number of hours per week Average number of work days per week
Is overtime available?
Is an end of season bonus available?
Does employer provide housing? Yes No Cost of housing
Housing deposit Type of accommodation (house/hotel/etc)
How many people share room?  How many people share house?  Is housing furnished?
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# **Employer Information and Declaration**

#### Dear Employer,

Thank you for your decision to become a host employer for our Work & Travel USA program. Your participation in this program continues a long tradition of US employers who have capitalized on a unique opportunity to bring an international dimension to their workplace while providing a life-changing experience to foreign students.

#### Jobs that are Not allowed are:

Au pair / nanny / babysitting / domestic labor / camp counselor / teacher / coach / Medical, veterinary, pharmaceutical services, or any job that requires direct patient contact or dispensing of medication / Adult Entertainment Industry Jobs / Crew member on ships or airplanes, or as pilots/ Sales jobs involving purchasing sales merchandise to resell (e.g. door-to-door sales) / Employment through staffing agencies.

# **Communicating Pertinent Information To Your Participants**

Setting student expectations correctly is key. We strongly recommend that you pass along information to your hired workers prior to their arrival in the US. Such information could range from workplace rules and uniform requirements to details on housing to local area information and transportation instructions. CIEE recommends that you provide this advance information because it allows participants to prepare accordingly. Email is usually the best way to communicate with participants before they arrive in the US.

#### Housing

If you do not include housing in your offer to the students you hire, pointing participants in the right direction is helpful. This greatly eases the transition to living in a new country. We recommend that you provide this advice to participants while they are still in their home country so that they can get a jump-start on their housing plans. Past housing options for Work & Travel participants have included furnished apartments, shared houses, hostels, long-term motel rentals, and rooms in private homes. All housing should adhere to all local, state, and federal health & safety and employment laws designed to protect the participant both in the workplace and in any Employer arranged accommodations.

## Transportation to work

Your international staff will probably take some time to become accustomed to transportation in the US. Please take the time to advise them on the safest and best ways to travel to work. If they are cycling, please remind them to wear a helmet, pick the best routes, and use lights when necessary.

# The First Few Days SEVIS Regulatory Requirements

All participants on J-1 exchange visas are required to register their whereabouts electronically with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through SEVIS- the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System. This requirement is extremely important since students Exchange program will terminate if they fail to comply. Participants have two primary responsibilities within SEVIS:

- Within 20 days of the program start date printed on their DS-2019 Form, they must confirm with CIEE that they have begun their work exchange program and also provide their US address (PO boxes aren't permitted).
- 2. Within 10 days of changing their home address during their stay, they must provide CIEE with this new address. Participants may use the CIEE website www.mysevis.com to give us this information. We will upload their entries into the US government SEVIS system. Allowing your participants to register online at your company would help to guarantee that these requirements are being met. Also, participants are given postage-paid, preaddressed postcards as another option for them to submit their details to us. A third option is for them to contact CIEE at 888- COUNCIL (888-268-6245) to provide the required information.

You can also help to ensure that your participants are adhering to these requirements by:

- 1. Reminding participants of the importance of confirming the start of their program and updating their address as necessary.
- 2. Notifying CIEE of any students who do not arrive as scheduled or if a participant leaves work before their scheduled end date.
- 3. If you are looking to hire a student who is changing employers or

seeking a second job, direct them to contact CIEE to secure permission authorizing them to work for you. This process will protect the interest of the original employer and make sure that both employers, the participant, and CIEE are in agreement with the new situation. The original employer's (or CIEE's) name will remain on the DS-2019 form.

### Social Security and Payroll

Many participants will arrive at your workplace without having applied for a Social Security number. To obtain a Social Security number, students must complete an Application for a Social Security card (Form SS-5). To find the nearest Social Security office, look in the telephone book under "Social Security Administration," call toll-free 800-772-1213, or visit the Social Security website at www.ssa.gov. *Please note that participants should complete their SEVIS registration before applying for a Social Security card.* 

The SSA provides the following advice as of April 2005 (http://www.ssa.gov/employer/). However, provided that participants apply for a Social Security number within seven days of commencing work, they are in compliance with the law and may work and receive paychecks. Participants can demonstrate that they have applied for their Social Security Number either by (1) showing a copy of the application form that was submitted, or (2) showing any acknowledgement of receipt provided by the SSA, or (3) showing a statement signed by the employee.

#### **Payroll**

Work & Travel participants are required to pay some taxes just like any other taxpayer and are exempt from other taxes as a nonresident alien. Participants must pay:

- Federal income taxes
- State incomes taxes
- Local income taxes

Participants do not pay:

- · Social Security taxes
- Medicare taxes